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MEMORANDUM FOR : See Distribution

SUBJECT : Preliminary Evaluation of U-2R
Airplane Proposal

REFERENCE : Lockheed Aircraft Corporation Report
No. SP-937, 27 December 1965,
Proposal for U-2R Airplane

    1. Subject proposal was received 18 January 1966 and
deals with an expanded version of the U-2 aircraft with
substantially increased altitude, range and payload/sensor
flexibility.

    2. I have charged the Deputy for Technology, OSA with
the responsibility of preparing and forwarding to me by
28 January 1966 a preliminary evaluation of this proposal.
I ask that all addressees review this proposal (attached
hereto) and prepare written comments covering your respec-
tive areas of interest in terms of feasibility, weaknesses
apparent, and recommended changes. I ask that these written
formal comments be submitted in triplicate to the Deputy
for Technology, OSA by noon 27 January 1966. I realize
that this timing necessitates the use of estimates based
upon experience and tools at hand and, therefore, your com-
ments will be interpreted in the framework of a preliminary
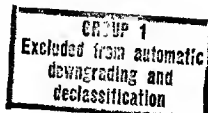evaluation.

    3. In order that I may provide as much help as possible
in formulating your comments, I request you or your repre-
sentative attend a meeting in the Control Center of OSA on
24 January 1966 at 1100 hours.

SIGNED

JACK C. LEDFORD
Brigadier General, USAF
Director of Special Activities

Att: Proposal

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